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Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 2:24 PM
To: Taskforcecomments
Subject: Identity Theft of SSN's Government Use

Please note below request made in 2005 – to IRS. Thank you!

From: Wilson Curt G [Curt.G.Wilson@irscounsel.treas.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2005 12:28 PM
To: Joan Diblasi
Cc: McGreevy John
Subject: RE: Reporting to IRS - Reporting to Payees

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Joan,

I am always pleased to hear from former IRPAC members who still take the time to offer their views on information reporting issues. I understand the security concerns that support the proposal to allow the use of only the last four digits of the SSN in mailings to the payees to reduce the risks of identity theft. I spoke to a friend of mine yesterday who was the victim of identity theft several years ago and is still running into problems as a result. I believe that allowing use of the last 4 digits in payee statements would require a regulatory change for most information returns and while it seems unlikely, there may be operational issues as well that I have not anticipated. Nevertheless, I think the concerns about security are valid and the proposal would seem to be at least one logical way to address those concerns. I plan to raise this proposal with the other offices in IRS and Chief Counsel that have a stake in the issue. Thank you for bringing the proposal to my attention. I cannot promise an early response to your suggestion, but I will report back to you in a month or so to let you know whether there is interest here in pursuing this.

-----Original Message-----

From: Joan Diblasi [mailto:JDiblasi@aflac.com]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2005 3:39 PM
To: Curt.G.Wilson@irscounsel.treas.gov
Subject: Reporting to IRS - Reporting to Payees

Hello! It's been a while, past IRPAC member and have a question, several Payers' are asking:

Will the IRS allow the Payer to submit the reporting form to the Payee with "only the last 4 digits of SS# or Tax ID#,"

But file the complete number to the IRS.

Companies and individuals are more conscientious about not mailing any document with the SS# or TAX ID number for security reasons.

The only document that Aflac mails with those numbers are the tax forms to payees.

Since I was previously on IRPAC, several companies are asking me to find out if the IRS would allow corporations

to shorten the number for the payee mailings but still file complete numbers to the IRS.

Thank you in advance for your reply!

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